Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An inhalable formulation for the treatment of pulmonary hypertension, said formulation comprising about 0.001 mg/ml to about 0.50 mg/ml of a hypertension reducing agent, wherein said formulation is adapted for localized delivery to the lungs of a mammal such that absorption of the hypertension reducing agent into the systemic blood circulation is less than when the hypertension reducing agent is administered intravenously or orally to the gastrointestinal tract, said pulmonary hypertension reducing agent ~~is at least one of an ACEI, ARB, beta-blocker,~~ consists of a calcium-channel blocker ~~or vasodilator~~ and wherein said formulation is adapted for administration via oral inhalation to a mammal in need thereof, wherein the formulation is not a liposomal formulation and is free of a compound selected from the group consisting essentially of (i) an anti-EMAP II antibody; (ii) antisense EMAP II oligonucleotide; and (iii) EMAP II antagonist; wherein said formulation is isotonic and has a pH of about 3 to about 8.

2. (Previously Presented) The formulation of claim 1, wherein said formulation is adapted for local administration to the lungs of a mammal by oral inhalation via nebulization.

3-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The formulation of claim 2, wherein said formulation is an aqueous suspension.

13. (Currently Amended) The formulation of claim 12, wherein ~~said suspension is sterile~~ said formulation is free of a preservative yet sterile and has a relatively long period of stability such that after storage for 12 months at a temperature between 15 to 30°C, greater than 90% of the calcium-channel blocker originally present in the formulation still remains in the formulation.

14. (Original) The formulation of claim 13, wherein said suspension comprises an emulsifier.

15. (Previously Presented) The formulation of claim 14, further comprising at least one complexing agent including sodium edetate.

16. (Original) The formulation of claim 2, wherein said formulation comprises a preservative.

17-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The formulation of claim 2, wherein said calcium-channel blocker is at least one of the group consisting of amlodipine, bepridil, diltiazem, felodipine, flunarizine, isradipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, nimodipine and verapamil.

22-24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The formulation of claim 2, wherein said formulation is suitable for treating primary pulmonary hypertension.

26. (Original) The formulation of claim 2, wherein said formulation is suitable for treating secondary pulmonary hypertension.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of treating pulmonary hypertension in a mammal, said method comprising the step of locally administering to the lungs of said mammal a formulation comprising about 0.001 mg/ml to about 0.50 mg/ml of a hypertension reducing agent such that absorption of the hypertension reducing agent into the systemic blood circulation is less than when the hypertension reducing agent is administered intravenously or orally to the gastrointestinal tract and at least one complexing agent, wherein said hypertension reducing agent ~~is at least one of an ACEI, ARB, beta-blocker,~~ consists of a calcium-channel blocker ~~or vasodilator~~, and wherein said formulation is adapted for administration via oral inhalation, wherein the formulation is not a liposomal formulation and is free of a compound selected from the group consisting essentially of (i) an anti-EMAP II antibody; (ii) antisense EMAP II oligonucleotide; and (iii) EMAP II antagonist; wherein said formulation is isotonic and has a pH of about 3 to about 8.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said formulation is locally administered to the lungs of said mammal by oral inhalation via nebulization to said mammal.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein said formulation is administered via jet nebulizer, ultrasonic nebulizer or breath-actuated nebulizer to said mammal.

30. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said formulation is premeasured, premixed and prepackaged.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein said formulation is free of a preservative yet sterile and has a relatively long period of stability such that after storage for 12 months at a temperature between 15 to 30°C, greater than 90% of the calcium-channel blocker originally present in the formulation still remains in the formulation ~~is sterile and stable~~.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Original) The method of claim 27, said method further comprising the step of administering to said mammal an inotropic agent.

35-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A kit for treating pulmonary hypertension in a mammal, said kit comprising an prepackaged formulation comprising about 0.001 mg/ml to about 0.50 mg/ml of a hypertension reducing agent and at least one complexing agent, wherein said formulation is adapted for localized delivery to the lungs of a mammal such that absorption of the hypertension reducing agent into the systemic blood circulation is less than when the hypertension reducing agent is administered intravenously or orally to the gastrointestinal tract, said hypertension reducing agent ~~is at least one of an ACEI, ARB, beta-blocker,~~ consists of a calcium-channel blocker ~~or vasodilator~~, and wherein said formulation is adapted for

administration via oral inhalation by nebulization to a mammal in need thereof, wherein the formulation is not a liposomal formulation and is free of a compound selected from the group consisting essentially of (i) an anti-EMAP II antibody; (ii) antisense EMAP II oligonucleotide; and (iii) EMAP II antagonist; wherein said formulation is isotonic and has a pH of about 3 to about 8.

39. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim 38, wherein said formulation is prepackaged and said formulation is free of a preservative yet sterile and has a relatively long period of stability such that after storage for 12 months at a temperature between 15 to 30°C, greater than 90% of the calcium-channel blocker originally present in the formulation still remains in the formulation.

40. (Original) The kit of claim 38, further comprising instructions relating to said formulation.

41-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) An inhalable formulation for the treatment of pulmonary hypertension, said formulation comprising an aqueous suspension having about 0.001 mg/ml to about 0.50 mg/ml of a calcium-channel blocker and at least one complexing agent selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetertraacetic acid, citric acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, sodium edetate and salts thereof; wherein said formulation is adapted for localized delivery to the lungs of a mammal such that absorption of the hypertension reducing agent into the systemic blood circulation is less than when the hypertension reducing agent is administered intravenously or orally to the gastrointestinal tract, and said formulation is adapted for administration via oral inhalation to a mammal in need thereof, wherein the formulation is not a liposomal formulation and is free of a compound selected from the group consisting essentially of (i) an anti-EMAP II antibody; (ii) antisense EMAP II oligonucleotide; and (iii) EMAP II antagonist; wherein said formulation is isotonic and has a pH of about 3 to about 8.

52. (Previously Presented) The inhalable formulation according to claim 51, wherein said calcium-channel blocker includes at least one of the group consisting of amlodipine, bepridil, diltiazem, felodipine, flunarizine, isradipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, nimodipine and verapamil.

53. (Previously Presented) The inhalable formulation according to claim 51, further comprising from about 0.01% to 90% of a suspending agent.

54. (Previously Presented) The inhalable formulation according to claim 53, wherein said suspending agent comprises water, alcohol, glycol, aqueous saline solution, and combinations thereof.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) The inhalable formulation according to claim 51, wherein said formulation is premeasured, premixed and prepackaged and said formulation is free of a preservative yet sterile and has a relatively long period of stability such that after storage for 12 months at a temperature between 15 to 30°C, greater than 90% of the calcium-channel blocker originally present in the formulation still remains in the formulation.

58. (Previously Presented) The inhalable formulation according to claim 51, wherein said suspension includes at least one buffer selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, sodium citrate and citric acid.

59. (Previously Presented) The inhalable formulation according to claim 51, wherein said formulations is disposed in a dispensing container that is configured to deliver said formulation via nebulization.

60. (Previously Presented) The inhalable formulation according to claim 59, wherein said dispensing container is capable of delivering a single unit dose of a therapeutically effective amount of said calcium-channel blocker.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said calcium-channel blocker is at least one of the group consisting of amlodipine, bepridil, diltiazem, felodipine, flunarizine, isradipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, nimodipine and verapamil.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said formulation comprises from about 0.001 to 10 mg/ml of said calcium-channel blocker and from about 0.01% to 90% of a suspending agent.

63. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 62, wherein said suspending agent comprises water, alcohol, glycol, aqueous saline solution, and combinations thereof.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 62, wherein said formulation comprises from about 0.01 mg/ml to 10 mg/ml of said calcium-channel blocker.

65. (Canceled)

66. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 38, wherein said calcium-channel blocker is at least one of the group consisting of amlodipine, bepridil, diltiazem, felodipine, flunarizine, isradipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, nimodipine and verapamil.

67. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 38, wherein said formulation is prepackaged in a dispensing container that is configured to deliver a single unit dose of a therapeutically effective amount of said calcium-channel blocker via nebulization.

68. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 67, wherein said dispensing container is prefilled with about 0.1 to 5.0 ml of said formulation.

69. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 67, wherein said formulation is administered via jet nebulizer, ultrasonic nebulizer or breath-actuated nebulizer to said mammal.

70. (Previously Presented) The formulation of claim 1, further comprising from about 0.001% to about 10% of an agent selected from sodium alginate, postassium alginate, ammonium alginate, calcium alginate, or propane-1,2-diol alginate.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the formulation further comprises from about 0.001% to about 10% of a lecithin.